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### LUNCHEON

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### THIRTY HOURS TO ANYWHERE

by

SIR MILES THOMAS

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Using jet-propelled comets on two round-the-world routes, BOAC within a few years plans to launch a schedule which will make no place on the globe further away than 30 hours from another! This recent prediction by Sir Miles Thomas, BOAC Board Chairman and president of the International Air Transport Association, has excited aviation enthusiasts everywhere.

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BETTY BETZ BACK IN New York after three months covering GIs in Korea. Random House will shortly publish her latest book, "BETTY BETZ in Teen Asia" ... Variety hails LEON PEARSON's new NBC show, "Critic at Large", as "an interesting, lively once-over...delivered in quick nervous speech and style" ... LEO IANIA on a three-week lecture tour through Wisconsin, Iowa, Mississippi and Alabama ... Also on a lecture swing -- ten days through St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo and Cleveland -- are Jean and FRANC SHOR, speaking on their summer's visit with the tribes of southern Iran ...

A committee of "Veterans of World War II", including DICKSON HARTWELL, planning a December 7 reunion of Central Pacific war correspondents and PRO's at Toots Shor's ... GERALDINE FITCH last week addressed the National Association for American Composers and Conductors on "The Far East Is Not So Far" ...

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"Lost" Member MAX R. GROSSMAN has been found, thanks to a clip given The Bulletin by HELEN ZOTOS. The former head of Boston University's Journalism Department sailed October 25 for Germany to become public affairs division chief of the office of U.S. land commissioner for Land Hesse ... The November 17 Saturday Review of Literature will carry a piece by RUSSELL F. ANDERSON, foreign editorial director of McGraw-Hill, on the present-day status of the foreign correspondent profession. The article points up the inadequacy of U.S. coverage at the very time that America needs eyes and ears in all parts of the world. Piece quotes results of a survey made among OPC Members ... MBS commentator CECIL BROWN reported in Hong Kong this week ...

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\* GOOD-DEED-OF-THE-WEEK \*  
\* PERFORMED BY HERMAN, \*  
\* CBS TOKYO REPORTER. \*  
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Through a special Tokyo cable from GEORGE HERMAN, CBS bureau chief, a Columbus, Ohio, housewife was made a happier woman last week. Mrs. Georgia Cooper had been informed that her husband was dead or injured in what was believed a false telephone message.

On November 1, HERMAN cabled the CBS news-room: "Urgent---Lieutenant Lowell Cooper of Columbus, Ohio, telephone Randolph nine-six-one, desires information his wife's condition and wishes inform her that he not dead or injured as erroneously reported and hopes be home soon."

Mrs. Cooper had been reported in news dispatches to have lapsed into a coma when she received the false telephone call October 31. Army and telegraph company officials previously branded it not authentic.

JOHN GUNTHER in Paris busily insiding his newest, "Eisenhower in France" ... Former Soviet prisoner Eleanor Lipper, who speaks to the OPC November 21, to be interviewed by LEON PEARSON on NBC's "Public Affairs" radio program today (November 10) ... Wedding bells rang November 4 for Miss Renee Arum of the Farrell Publishing Company and LOUIS WEINTRAUB, sales promotion manager of Pavelle Laboratories. They're honeymooning now in Bermuda, and will live in Kew Gardens Hills, N.Y., on their return ... HUGH CONWAY of the New York World-Telegram & Sun off November 2 for a six-week swing through North Africa, Greece, Italy, France, Germany, Sweden and England on various special assignments ...

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DOUG WERNER

## CLUB CALENDAR

House Committee Meeting . . . . . Clubrooms . . . . . Thursday, November 15, 5:30 PM

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Dan L. Thrapp, the Los Angeles Times. Argentina, 1940 to 1942; England 1946 to 1948; Greece, January to May 1948; Italy, May 1948 to January 1949, all for the United Press; Africa, January to August 1948, as free-lance writer. Proposed by DOUG WERNER; seconded by JOHN P. MARTINCO.

Carl Stephan Perutz, photographer-shareholder, Magnum Photos, Inc. England, France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Denmark, Italy, Spain and Morocco, 1946 to September 1951, free-lancing for such publications as Fortune, Time, Life, Satevepost, Collier's, etc. Proposed by JOSEPH J. WURZEL; seconded by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.

The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to active membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidate:

GEORGE F. PIERROT, president, managing director, World Adventures Series, Inc.

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@ ADVANCE TIPS ON COMING EVENTS @

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Wednesday, November 21 -- What is it really like in a Soviet prison camp? Did any Americans ever visit one of these forbidden areas? How can one get released from such a place? To answer these questions -- and many others -- the OPC presents at a cocktail meeting, Miss Elinor Lipper, Belgian-born former Communist who spent almost 10 years in a forced-labor camp in the Kolyma region of Siberia. Miss Lipper is now in the U.S. to spur the fund drive for the Iron Curtain Refugee Campaign, of which General Carl Spaatz, USAF Retired, is chairman.

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OUR PROLIFIC COLLEAGUES: The November Redbook carries CHARLES ROBBINS' short story, "Footsteps in the Night" ... JOSA MORGAN RUFFNER's interview with Iran's Premier Dr. Mossadegh (conducted in French, since he doesn't speak English) frontpaged in New York's Staatszeitung, and upcoming in the Vienna daily, Die Presse ... FRANK TAO's calligraphy adorns both the cover and jacket of EDWARD HUNTER's new book, "Brain-Washing in Red China" published by the Foreign Policy Association the day (November 8) one of its founders, former Ambassador James F. McDonald addressed the OPC! ...

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 OPCer PETERSON SEEKS  
 N. Y. GOOD SAMARITAN  
 WHO FURNISHED GLASSES  
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ELMER PETERSON, well-known West Coast NBC radio and television commentator, is trying to find the card of a Fifth Avenue optician who last week helped him out of a honeymoon predicament and, at the same time, demonstrated how friendly New Yorkers can be. The newsman forgot his spectacles in Los Angeles. So, in Manhattan, he

stopped in at an optician's and explained he needed glasses in a hurry: "You know, without all that preliminary examination business."

"Can't sell you glasses without an examination", the optician told the OPC Member. "However, I'll lend you a pair."

PETERSON tried about a dozen in-stock spectacles and found a pair that suited him. Then he offered to leave a deposit, which was politely refused.

"Instead," PETERSON says, "he gave me his card and told me to put the glasses in the mail when I'd finished with them. And he didn't know me from Adam."

PETE would appreciate the friendly New Yorker's sending an address to him, care of NBC, Hollywood.

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OUR PRIZE-WINNING COLLEAGUES: A U.S. Camera Achievement Award for 1951 goes to CHARLES and EUGENE JONES, roving NBC-TV news cameramen for their exclusive interviews with leading statesmen and for front-line Korean coverage. Gold medallions were presented November 6 at Rochester, N.Y. The medallions represent the "highest recognition in photography", U.S. Camera said ... Past President LOWELL THOMAS today (November 10) will receive the annual Ohio Career Medal awarded by the Ohioana Library Association ...

RED FACE DEPARTMENT: (Compounded Felony Division) George Middleton, erroneously referred to, first, as a U.S. brigadier general, and later -- in a correction -- as a British brigadier, is neither. He's just plain "Mr." ...

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 \* THE OVERSEAS TICKER - \*  
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FRANKFURT DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Increasing move of most U.S. correspondents here to Bonn has made it difficult to keep track of many of them from Frankfurt. More and more, Frankfurt is losing its prominence as a news center to Bonn, headquarters of the West German government ... ROB ROY BUCKINGHAM, Frankfurt UP correspondent, awaiting transfer to Spain ... The Chicago Tribune's LARRY RUE temporarily newsgathering in Vienna ... Maggi Nolan, wife of TWA European PR chief Jim Nolan, expecting a second child in December ... RICHARD JONES, former editor of Weekend Magazine, married Judith Bailey, Paris Doubleday representative, in Vienna, where brother Russ, of UP, and sister Gwen, former Blue Danube Network news chief, attended ceremonies. The couple were due to leave for the U.S. shortly after the wedding ...

Hal O'Flaherty, Chicago Daily News director and trustee of the Crane Foundation's Institute of Current World Affairs, was guest at a luncheon and reception at the Frankfurt Press Club November 5 ... Toni Howard, of "Shriek with Pleasure" fame, currently engaged in writing a new book at her south-of-France home. Husband Jim O'Donnell of the Satevepost recently returned from England, where he interviewed Aneurin Bevan for a forthcoming piece ... Ernie Hauser, also of Satevepost, reportedly due to be shifting activities soon from Europe to the Middle East ...

JAMES R. YOUNG, associate editor of the Anderson (S.C.) Daily Mail, writes that a young lady from Graniteville, S.C., who handles special correspondence, is in the Frankfurt area for six months to round up picture features for the Daily Mail's and Independent-Tribune's Saturday magazine pages ...

Stars & Stripes Roundup: William (Bill) Mahoney, late of the Buffalo Courier-Express, has joined the copy desk. Another new arrival is James Quint of San Francisco ... Milt Bellis,

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formerly of the S&S sports department, joined the staff of UP in Paris ... Shirley Katzander, former S&S slotman, is with the Jimmy Jones Agency in Paris ... Art Noyes leaving S&S in the new year for an undisclosed job ... Ken Zumwalt returned with his family from a Stateside vacation to N.Y. and the West Coast, during which Zumwalt addressed a San Francisco newsmen's convention. Zumwalt's comments on S&S operation was distributed throughout the world by the AP. --- (DOROTHY N. S. RUSSELL).

(Editor's Note: With this report, The Bulletin reluctantly accepts the resignation of its Special Correspondent in Frankfurt, DOROTHY N. S. RUSSELL, whose informed dispatches have appeared in this space for more than a year. Miss RUSSELL, a Stars & Stripes staffer, leaves aboard the "Liberte" on November 15 for the U.S. and other employment. The Editor regrets this loss and thanks Miss RUSSELL for her excellent reports on foreign correspondence in Germany. Her successor as Bulletin Special Correspondent will be announced shortly.)

VIENNA DATELINE: -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Army and State Department public information officers throughout the European Theater have been alerted for a forthcoming visit by Westbrook Pegler, controversial Hearst Newspaper columnist. Instructions to officers concerned could hardly be equalled for a touring potentate. The governments involved are taking no chances on hurting "Peg's" feelings ...

RICHARD MOWRER of the Christian Science Monitor has been rejoined by wife Maria and is current in Spain ... Time and Life's Si Bourgin on his second trip to Yugoslavia within two months, covering the anti-Cominform Peace Conference at Zagreb ... JOSEF ISRAELIS II sitting in for the Luce publications in Vienna ... U.S. High Commissioner Walter J. Donnelly regrettably cancelled the much appreciated weekly background press conferences for American correspondents after one newsman violated his confidence on an "off the record" bit of information ...

Fuel is scarce in Austria this winter -- practically unobtainable on free markets. After a month of administrative hassling, the Army finally sold correspondents maintaining private quarters an emergency allotment of coal ... Stephen Swift of Reader's Digest a recent Vienna and Salzburg visitor, also Carman Barnes of Esquire, Eleanor Harris of McCall's on a Navy on a Navy junket ...

Dick O'Regan of AP, switched to London ... Kurt Hampe takes over the Vienna bureau ... John Fiehn in charge at INS on Marvin Stone's return to the U.S. ... Joseph (New Yorker) Wechsberg has rented a villa in the British Section of Vienna and will settle down for a few months of intensive writing. Just finished an original movie treatment in Paris for an independent U.S. company ...

State Department information officers from Germany and Austria holding a conference in Vienna to organize badly-needed coordination and try to agree on U.S. policies. Shephard Stone and Ted Kagham among top delegates from Frankfurt, with Charles K. Moffly and William Harlan Hale representing Austria's U.S. High Commission ... John Brogan, son of the King Features-INS business manager of the same name, a much-liked personal assistant to High Commissioner Donnelly and a valuable friend to the press in Vienna -- (JOSEF ISRAELIS II)



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OPC PREVIEWERS HAIL  
"DECISION BEFORE DAWN"  
AFTER SPECIAL SHOWING

Praise for the soon-to-be-released 20th Century-Fox film, "Decision Before Dawn", was voiced almost universally following a special screening held October 31 for the OPC in the company's preview theatre.

Members and guests were invited to attend the showing, and the reception that followed, by BOB FLEISHER, 20th Century-Fox publicity representative. The picture, filmed in Germany and starring Gary Merrill, Richard Basehart and a new German actor, Oskar Werner, opens in New York next month.

Among those attending were SEYMOUR BERKSON, INS general manager; GEORGE HERALD; Prof. CHARLES HODGES, NORBERT LYONS, LEO MARGOLIN, VICTOR SHIMKIN ... The JOHN BARKHAMS, TV's HARRY T. BRUNDIDGE, CROSWELL BOWEN, RODNEY CAMPBELL, DON COE, RALPH GOLDBURGH. Also Mr. and Mrs. ZANDER HOLLANDER, ANDREW HECHT, HENRY and ANN RIES, Mr. and Mrs. STANLEY ROSS, A. F. MONROE and IRVING ZUCKERMAN.

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MYSTERY WRITERS, OPCers  
JOIN FORCES TO WELCOME  
JOYFUL, SPOOKY HALLOWEEN

Almost 100 OPCers and members of the Mystery Writers of America joined to consume heady witches' brew and salute Halloween in a gala cocktail party held at the Clubrooms October 30. House Committee Chairman LARRY BLOCHMAN, also a v-p of the NWA, presided at both the refreshment tables and the dramatic program which followed. Making his second appearance at a Club Halloween celebration, Clayton Rawson, creator of the "Great Merlini" and an accomplished magician, bewildered and amused guests with a series of clever sleight-of-hand tricks.

Later in the evening JEWEL DE BONILIA presented Senor Chago Rodriguez, expert Cuban guitar player, who entertained guests with musical selections and accompanied singing. Two book prizes, LARRY BLOCHMAN's "Very Warm for Mayhem", and "Murder Memo" by WILL OURSLER were won by DON GLASSMAN and PAT DUNN.

GUEST BOOK: The HAL LEHRMANS (HAL just back from the Middle East), B. MATHIEU ... Mr. and Mrs. HAL BOYLE ... Mr. and Mrs. JULES FRANTZ, and STEPHANOS and HELEN ZOTOS ... The E. C. MAYS, MARY HEATON VORSE and MAX RODEN ...

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